

### **REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment seeks to place this application in condition for allowance. The instant application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/828,428, which has been allowed and the issue fee has been paid.

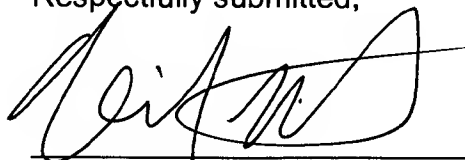
Pending claims 1-26 have been deleted, without prejudice, and new claims 27-56 have been added to more fully protect certain aspects of the inventions described and illustrated in this application. These newly submitted claims are fully supported by the specification as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Moreover, the instant application has been amended to reflect its relationship to Application Serial No. 09/828,429, among others. As such, Applicant's claim of priority is perfected. (See, 35 USC § 121). No new matter has been added.

### **CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendment prior to examination of this continuation application. Applicant submits that all of the claims present patentable subject matter and, as such, respectfully requests allowance of all of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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